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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Officer for NESA

SUBJECT: Policy Issues at Play Regarding the Nuclear Issue
in Pakistan

1. At the instruction of the DCI, I had a talk on 30 October with Undersecretary Buckley about the 2 November presentation on the Pakistan issue to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The ground rules regarding independence of intelligence judgments were well respected, but he did have some definite comments to make. As you are now the principal witness, I think you should be well aware where the differences between our analysis and the policy institutions lie. The following comments refer to the attached basic "talking points" on the nuclear issue:

- A. As a general observation, Buckley feels we are describing the nuclear situation as it would evolve if there were no arms package. A major thrust of his argument, of course, is that the sale will create a continued equity on the part of Zia to keep his relations with us healthy. Buckley has fully informed Zia that proceeding to actually develop a nuclear weapons program would negate such relations.



- C. Buckley argues that Zia fully intends to pursue the program to the extent of creating a nuclear option.

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